

**East Coventry Township
Historical Commission
January 10, 2007
Scheduled Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for January 10, 2007 amended on January 24, 2007 for approval on February 14, 2007

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Mary E. Brower (Vice Chairman), Phyllis Snyder (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Elaine Preston (Member), Lynn Coine (Member), Roy Kolb (Planning Commission Liaison)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Reorganization

- Chairman: P. Snyder made the motion to elect G. Brown Chairman.
A. Keen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Vice Chairman: A. Keen made the motion to elect M. Brower Vice Chairman.
E. Preston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Secretary: P. Snyder made the motion to elect E. Preston Secretary.
L. Coine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Preston was ill and was excused. P. Snyder substituted for Secretary.

Minutes

M. Brower made the motion to accept the Minutes of December 13, 2006.
A. Keen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Atlee Rinehart, newly appointed chairman of the Board of Supervisors, stopped in to wish the Historical Commission good luck in the 2007 New Year.

Subdivision and Land Development

1. Sprint Spectrum – Faulk Tract

Conditional Use Hearing and Zoning Variance Request for proposed Sprint Cell Tower

- The Historical Commission reviewed the following documents.
 - 1) Sprint – Parker Ford PL54XCD722, Sketch Plan, Sheets T-1 Title Sheet, Z-1 Site Plan, Z-2 Subdivision Plan, S-1 Compound Plan & Tower Elevation – all revision 5, dated August 22, 2006
 - 2) ARRO Letter dated October 2, 2006
 - 3) The Grafton Association Memorandum dated October 10, 2006.
 - 4) The County of Chester Memorandum dated October 19, 2006.

- The Historical Commission notes two of the four properties identified within 500 feet of the proposed tower contain historical resources.
 - 1) Tax Parcel #18-01-0051– (abandoned house, barn and commercial building- commercial building is not a historic resource)
 - 2) Tax Parcel #18-01-0052- (Residential property and Kennels).
 - 3). The Faulk Tract (Tax Parcel #18-01-003 .E) contains a historical site – Towpath and Canal Bed of the Schuylkill Navigation System.
- Recommendations from Historical Commission
 - 1) Compliance in accordance with the East Coventry Township Zoning Ordinance – Part 14.

2. Green Acres

PennDot sight distance report still pending.

3. Shantz Subdivision

- Two lot subdivision
- E. Preston and L. Coine took pictures.
- L. Coine questioned house location on plans, to be reviewed.

4. Joseph McCann Co.,Inc. –

- Ranch house built in 1958 – not a historical resource
- Fifty-eight foot (58) by thirty foot (30) pole barn proposed behind house.
- Historical Commission to check for adjacent historical resources.
- Date to be set for A. Keen and P. Snyder to assist G. Brown in research information.

5. Telvil Hall

- Historical Survey received from Jane Dorchester

New Business

1. New Members

All members tasked with recruiting new members.

2. 2008 Calendars

Historical Commission members to meet at Parkerford Station to review photographs for the 2008 Historical Commission calendar. Meeting to be Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

3. Chester County Town Tour Walks

G. Brown asked if there is any interest in conducting a Chester County Town Tour for 2007. Suggested we may want to consider a “GI Home” tour. It was the consensus of the board that we have too much on our agenda this year, but will participate in 2008.

M. Brower made a motion to postpone a walk until next year (2008) in East Coventry.

A. Keen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Priority List for Historic Properties

- Strutynski Property – Saylors Mill and Cedarville Roads
- Wolag, Inc. property on Sanatoga Road
- Several other properties are in consideration.

E. Preston is tracking property transactions.

5. Education

P. Snyder reported that East Coventry, local history, is no longer being taught in the elementary schools. P. Snyder to investigate whether Owen J. Roberts would be receptive to discussion of some form of local history education.

6. Trees and Other Natural Resources

M. Brower tried to contacted Estelle Cremers in regard to the reference in her book “Coventry, The Skool Kill District. This reference is to “Anyone knowing of noteworthy trees of any genus...” M. Brower to continue to try to contact Estelle Cremers.

R. Kolb suggested we send a ‘thank you’ note to the owner of the property on Saylors Mill Road which has the ‘Penn Oak’. This resident has done an excellent job of preserving and maintaining this tree.

7. Investigate Documentation of National Register Listed, Eligible, and NHL Properties

- Frick’s Lock Historic District
- John Mattis Farm Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal
- Daniel Kulp Farm
- Riverbend Farm

8. Research Resources

E. Preston and L. Coine have located the 1798 Glass Tax.

E. Preston and L. Coine are to continue to research and locate historical reference materials.

9. Historical Resource Atlas

Historical Commission to identify Class I, II, and III resources in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance draft.

10. Changes on Reimbursement Voucher

Another column will be added to identify charge number (reference 2007 budget)...

Adjournment

G. Brown made a motion to adjourn. A. Keen seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.